Funds for the Development of Powerlooms

*179. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Special Fund for the Development of the Powerloom Industry; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTLIES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) The Government is aware of the development requirements of the Powerloom Industry. During the VIII Plan, which is yet to be finalised, various schemes have been proposed to modernise powerlooms.

Development works in Central Sector of Kerala

@@*180. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the major developmental works likely to be taken up in the year 1992-93, as part of the Eighth Five Year Plan in various public sector institutions in the Central Sector of Kerala; and

(b) the details of the public sector units proposed to be set up during the Eighth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below).

(b) The exercises relating to the formulation of the Eighth Five Year Plan including the details of the public sector units proposed to be set up during the Eighth Five Year Plan period are underway.

Statement

1 Kayamkulam Super Thermal Power Project (2x210 MW) has been proposed to be installed in Kerala with Central investment.

2. All India level Central Organisations Implementing programmes in States/Union Territories are Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO), Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Offices of the Development Commissioners for Handicrafts and Handlooms, Textile Commissioner, Central Silk Board (CSB), and Coir Board. Schemes taken up by them are by way of creation of infrastructure for training, 'R and D', design development, product development, workshop, tooling, testing and other common facilities, consultancy and marketing.

3. There are elevel Navodaya Vidyalayas (N.V.) in as many districts of Kerala. In 1992-93, one more N. V. is proposed to be set up leaving 2 districts to be covered in the rest of the Eighth Plan period.

4. Indian Rare Earth Limited (IRE) is contemplating to set up mineral separation plant at Ayiramthengu in Kerala to develop Needakara Chavra Coastal Beach Sand deposit for production of 153000 tones of Illmenite, Rutile and other rare earth minerals at an estimated cost of Rs. 125 crores in the Eighth Plan period.

The Indian Rare Earth Limited is contemplating to take up a project in the joint sector with Kerala Government and some private parties for

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